

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 18, 2007, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,394,827 (Nogami). By the present amendment, claim 10 has been canceled, claims 1-9 were amended and claims 11-20 added. Accordingly, claims 1-9 and 11-20 are now pending in this application.

Page 7, paragraph 3 of the Specification has been amended to correct an error in which reference was made to an incorrect figure number. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Applicants' invention is generally directed to a memory card connector including an insulative housing with a plurality of terminals, a metal shell mounted on the housing and combining therewith to define a cavity having a front opening to permit insertion and withdrawal of the memory card and a card eject mechanism including a slider movably mounted on the housing and engageable with the memory card for movement therewith into and out of the cavity. The slider has a heart-shaped cam slot defining movement of the card in the insertion and withdrawal directions. Claim 1 further calls for a cam pin formed integrally with the metal shell and operatively engageable in the cam slot of the slider. Claim 11 is similar to claim 1 but calls for a flexible arm formed integrally with the metal shell and the flexible arm has a cam pin that is operatively engageable in the cam slot of the slider. Dependent claims 12-20 are patterned after original dependent claims 2-10.

The card connector of Nogami includes a connector housing with terminals, a metal cover and a slider that moves along the connector housing. However, the slider of Nogami does not include a heart-shaped cam slot defining movement of the card nor a cam pin operatively engageable with such a cam slot. Rather, the cover of Nogami has a stopper arm 67 with downward hook 68 that engages a shoulder of the slider to prevent ejection of the card. When ejection is desired, lock release lever 70 is rotated so that the lock release lever engages the engaging piece 69 of stopper arm 67. This causes the stopper arm 67 to move upward so that downward hood 68 is moved upward above the shoulder of slider 3 to release slider 3 and eject the card from the connector. Nogami does not utilize a heart-shaped cam slot nor does it include a cam pin engageable in such a cam slot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims, as amended, are not anticipated by Nogami and respectfully request

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reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection as well as the allowance of each of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conversation would facilitate the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

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